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Subject: Re: Name of arrays

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 21 Feb 2012 22:09:24 GMT

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Ha! :o)

Early on, IDL was a fancy interface for Fortran. (Just like matlab :o)

But, to get back to David's original point, one should not treat syntactic sugar with disdain. IMO, for the 99.9% of programmers out there (most definitely including moi), a fancy interface for pointers -- that does not expose the pointer-y-ness -- is *exactly* what is needed (I cringe when I look at some of my older widget programs...).

Long live the hash().

cheers,

paulv

Paulo Penteado wrote:

> On Feb 21, 7:43 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

>> A hash is nothing more than an fancy interface for

>> pointers.

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> So, similarly, IDL is nothing more than a fancy interface for C?

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